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COMMENTS INVITED ON APPLICATION OF SBC COMMUNICATIONS INC. TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

Comp. Pol. File No. 664

Comments Due: January 2, 2004

Section 214 Application

Applicant: SBC Communications Inc.

On **October 30, 2003**, **SBC Communications Inc.** (SBC or Applicant), located at **One Bell Plaza, Dallas, Texas 75202**, filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission), on behalf of its subsidiaries, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., Illinois Bell Telephone Co., Indiana Bell Telephone Co., Michigan Bell Telephone Co., The Ohio Bell Telephone Co. and Wisconsin Bell Telephone Co. In its application, SBC requests authority under section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue the provision of its On-Line Transfer Service in Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, and Texas (Tariff FCC No. 73, 7th rev. pp. 13-18.10, 13-37), and its Auto-Transfer Service in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, and Wisconsin (Tariff FCC No. 2, 1st rev. p. 576.3).

The application indicates that SBC's On-Line Transfer Service and Auto-Transfer Service permit SBC customers to be transferred, while placing an order with SBC, and upon request, to an interexchange carrier (IXC) that subscribes to either of the services. SBC asserts that only one IXC currently subscribes to SBC's On-Line Transfer Service and Auto-Transfer Service. SBC states that after discontinuing these services, it will continue to provide IXC telephone numbers to SBC customers, upon request, consistent with its current practice for IXCs that do not subscribe to On-Line Transfer Service and Auto-Transfer Service. The application indicates that SBC plans to discontinue providing On-Line Transfer Service and Auto-Transfer Service on January 31, 2004, and that, on October 29, 2003, SBC notified its single subscriber of this planned discontinuance of service. SBC states that it will revise its Tariff FCC No. 2 and Tariff FCC No. 73 to remove these services as soon as the Commission authorizes the discontinuance.

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(c), the application will be deemed to be automatically

granted on the 60th day after the release date of this notice, unless the Commission has notified SBC that the grant will not be automatically effective. Accordingly, pursuant to section 63.71(c), absent further Commission action, SBC may not terminate service to its subscriber until January 31, 2004. The Commission will normally authorize proposed discontinuances of service unless it is shown that customers or other end users would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier, or that the public convenience and necessity would be otherwise adversely affected.

This proceeding is considered a "permit but disclose" proceeding for purposes of the Commission's *ex parte* rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 - 1.1216. Comments objecting to this application must be filed with the Commission on or before **January 2, 2004**. Such comments should refer to **Comp. Pol. File No. 664**. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance on the commenter, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service. The original and four (4) copies of the comments should be sent to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554. Two (2) copies of the comments should also be sent to the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 6-A207, Washington, D.C. 20554, Attention: Carmell Weathers. In addition, comments should be served upon the Applicant. Commenters are also requested to fax their comments to the FCC at (202) 418-2345, Attention: Carmell Weathers.

Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). The Commission's contractor, Natek, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

The application will be available for review and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 418-0270. A copy of the application may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, telephone (202) 863-2893, facsimile (202) 863-2898, or via e-mail at qualexint@aol.com.

For further information, contact Carmell Weathers, (202) 418-2325 (voice), carmell.weathers@fcc.gov, or Brad Koerner, (202) 418-0866 (voice), brad.koerner@fcc.gov, of the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau. The TTY number is (202) 418-0484. For further information on procedures regarding section 214 please visit http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/cpd/other_adjud.

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